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**Re: GN-DOE Comments on Nanisivik Mine Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment
October 2003**

Dear Ms. Lemus:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt of your letter dated April 29, 2004 enclosing comments on the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment ("HHERA") report submitted by CanZinco in October 2003 and subsequently approved by the NWB in November 2003. Your letter and accompanying comments have been placed on the NWB Public Registry and have been distributed to interested parties, including the expert witness retained by the NWB, for their consideration.

As you point out in your letter, the NWB initiated a considerable public review and scrutiny of the HHERA, with full and active participation of the Government of Nunavut and other interested parties, before approving it in November 2003.

Considering the timing of your correspondence, the NWB has decided that the matters raised in your letter will not be included on the agenda of next week's technical/pre-hearing meetings. This said, we are asking CanZinco and all interested parties, by way of a copy of this letter and yours of April 29, 2004, to review your comments on the HHERA and include a response to that effect in their final submission before the upcoming June hearing in Arctic Bay.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any question or comments.

Sincerely,

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Manager Technical Services

Attachment: GN Comments April 29, 2004

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